

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Nationally, 31 new fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Nevada, Montana and Oklahoma.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TOWERS, Tonto National Forest. This fire is seven miles south-southwest of Globe, AZ, and is burning in pine, oak brush and chaparral. The fire is exhibiting occasional torching associated with burnout operations. Personnel made significant progress and continue to burnout and hold fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TOWERS	AZ	TNF	350	60	10/12	224	8	7	3	0	250K

**OUTLOOK:**

The Southwest Area will have mostly sunny skies becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Temperatures will be in the upper 50 s to the 70 s in the mountains and upper 70 s to 90 s at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 5 to 10 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## SAFETY ZONES

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

• What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?

- The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.

• How do you identify a good safety zone?

- Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
- The best locations are usually "in the black;" those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
- Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
- Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
- Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES	1			6	1		8
	ACRES	1			0	0		1
Southern California	FIRES			1	11	2		14
	ACRES			12	2	0		14
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES					31		31
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				1	1
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					74		74
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	1	24	9	36
	ACRES	1	0	0	12	76	32	121

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	31	10	456	17	547
	ACRES	4	579,341	358,261	133,998	1,195,760	16	2,267,380
Northwest	FIRES	264	335	36	49	1,581	1,297	3,562
	ACRES	18,364	173,876	2,790	39	112,714	806,380	1,114,163
Northern California	FIRES	223	23	7	17	2,389	667	3,326
	ACRES	684	6,884	820	3,666	17,555	38,507	68,116
Southern California	FIRES	76	94	18	37	2,811	721	3,757
	ACRES	10,257	25,853	86	768	70,534	317,819	425,317
Northern Rockies	FIRES	947	51	32	46	574	923	2,573
	ACRES	13,908	10,537	2,178	9,153	31,302	84,039	151,117
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	69	593	8	44	540	983	2,237
	ACRES	5,326	121,184	408	34	70,636	148,126	345,714
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	454	2	12	91	150	719
	ACRES	316	41,283	80	6	884	42,298	84,867
Southwest	FIRES	1,175	288	31	70	1,249	1,748	4,561
	ACRES	263,691	20,622	6,870	17,865	215,564	449,423	974,035
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	512	593	51	66	1,177	758	3,157
	ACRES	54,812	68,651	685	9,115	216,381	318,413	668,057
Eastern Area	FIRES	762		49	38	11,555	413	12,817
	ACRES	31,956		1,875	609	65,931	3,357	103,728
Southern Area	FIRES	107		190	45	29,864	833	31,039
	ACRES	17,425		147,132	6,665	292,715	26,190	490,127
TOTAL	FIRES	4,146	2,463	455	434	52,287	8,510	68,295
	ACRES	416,743	1,048,231	521,185	181,918	2,289,976	2,234,568	6,692,621

Eight Year Average Fires	73,517
Eight Year Average Acres	3,962,681

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Data may fluctuate for those units on weekly or other off-season reporting schedules\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1	1			2	4
	ACRES		100	300			472	872
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES				170			170
Northern Rockies	FIREs					0	4	4
	ACRES					658	118	776
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		2				5	7
	ACRES		1,350				851	2,201
Western Great Basin	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				103			103
Southwest	FIREs	5					7	12
	ACRES	1,400					1,134	2,534
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		2				2	4
	ACRES		238				405	643
Eastern Area	FIREs					1	15	16
	ACRES					30	923	953
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	5	5	1	2	1	35	49
	ACRES	1,400	1,688	300	273	688	3,903	8,252

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES			1,085				1,085
Northwest	FIREs	22	106	36	10	6	292	472
	ACRES	6,145	24,111	4,733	254	292	30,417	65,952
Northern California	FIREs	7	14	14	15		94	144
	ACRES	163	1,269	22,774	258		14,839	39,303
Southern California	FIREs	1	2	6	13		98	120
	ACRES	70	24	286	1,135		17,296	18,811
Northern Rockies	FIREs	9	12	123	3	54	459	660
	ACRES	725	1,800	18,437	173	5,435	26,108	52,678
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	32	2	14	13	57	119
	ACRES	7	12,787	445	4,242	611	33,778	51,870
Western Great Basin	FIREs				4		5	9
	ACRES				105		172	277
Southwest	FIREs	49	14	10			202	275
	ACRES	8,995	17,260	4,722			20,538	51,515
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	8	20	123	8	22	37	218
	ACRES	516	3,952	17,736	2,290	2,180	11,929	38,603
Eastern Area	FIREs	21		336	8	497	175	1,037
	ACRES	8,709		56,620	437	62,150	22,210	150,126
Southern Area	FIREs	60		241	90	19,837	906	21,134
	ACRES	11,061		112,357	100,004	886,898	726,740	1,837,060
TOTAL	FIREs	178	200	892	165	20,429	2,325	24,189
	ACRES	36,391	61,203	239,195	108,898	957,566	904,027	2,307,280

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs						6	6
	ACRES						12	12
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs				17		6	23
	ACRES				1,581		1	1,582
Northern Rockies	FIREs				14		42	56
	ACRES				3,634		4,669	8,303
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				1		14	15
	ACRES				0		4,964	4,964
Western Great Basin	FIREs		8				1	9
	ACRES		851				1	852
Southwest	FIREs				1		8	9
	ACRES				380		4,485	4,865
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		13			1	3	17
	ACRES		736			0	22,594	23,330
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs				8			8
	ACRES				406			406
TOTAL	FIREs	0	21	0	41	1	80	143
	ACRES	0	1,587	0	6,001	0	36,726	44,314

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1	1	36	15	1	14			109	170
Northern California				4						
Southern California	7		9		2					
Northern Rockies				1						
Eastern Great Basin				2						
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	8		3	4		3			23	5
Rocky Mountain										1
Eastern Area									78	
Southern Area										
Total	16	1	55	19	3	17	0	0	210	176

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